

Monday: 28/09/20

Galatians 6:4

In a world fixated on finding our self worth by comparing ourselves to others; we can find a vital message in these words:

“Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else,”

Sadly society has been convinced that we need to keep up with the so called Jones's. To be better, younger, rich, prettier, healthier, smarter and many other attributes. When we really need to be two important things. Be true to God and be true to ourselves. If we take pride in anything it should be in how we live our lives for God.

Lord, let my pride be in you alone.

Tuesday: 29/09/20

Luke 12:15

Greed has more than one face. Too often we seem to only consider the financial aspect of greed. Yet there are many other things that people can become greedy for. Take a moment and consider such things as reputation, possessions, abundance and the collection of non material things.

It's important to have the things that we need. But to have more than we need can become a habit of hoarding or collecting beyond our requirements.

Take stock of your life and think about what you really need. Are you a clutter bug?

My treasures I store in Heaven.

Wednesday: 30/09/20

Psalms 37:8

The old saying, forgive and forget, can be frequently repeated when someone has been wronged. Yet do these words really stack up to? In this verse we are told to refrain from anger and to forsake wrath. As these, if left unchecked, can only lead to evil. Yet how often have we seen Christians abused by those who do not believe, but twist words.

Let's look at 'refrain' and forsake'. The first word tells us that we should avoid becoming angry. The second tells us we should not give in to wrath. What's the difference? Anger can help us express real emotions, while wrath is uncontrolled anger. To selectively express how hurt we feel is important at times. It's when we let anger control us that we will

Lord, may my anger never become wrath.

Thursday: 01/10/20

Proverbs 14:30

I remember reading once about anthropologists who come across a tribe that had no contact with world. The tribe were happy and seemed to constantly laugh or sing. The researchers decided to make contact and ask them questions. They exchanged items; pots for family histories, sweaters for folklore and tradition. The tribe became aware of what they didn't have and what the world had. They became sad with envy.

“A heart at peace gives life to the body,
but envy rots the bones.”

Is there someone in your life who looks better off?

My only desire is to draw closer to you Lord.

Friday: 02/10/20

1 John 2:16

Don't be fooled. There are a range of things that come under the heading of lust. The love and dark desire for sex, money and power are just a few.

“For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.”

We are warned to avoid giving into lust, as it will create a divide between God and us. As well as eat away at the witness we have to others.

This is achieved by making us look no different than the world; and thus destroying the image of Christ we are tasked to share through our lives with the world. Stay safe. Stay Bible focused.

The one thing I desire is to know you Lord.

Saturday: 03/10/20

Ezekiel 16:49

Gluttony is one of those things Christians might laugh about. As a sin mentioned in the Bible it is one of self indulgence and can take several forms. Oddly it can manifest itself in those who have found their comfort zone and are not unwilling to leave it to help others.

“Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy”

Don't let self comfort keep you from charity.

May I hunger to help others.

Clutter Bug



Catching my breath I survey the mess that is my life.
Little by little it all seemed to cascade over me.
Use to be room to breath and move around in my thoughts.
That was when I was young and things were much simpler.
Today though seems more like a spiders web of junk.
Everything claims to be important and non disposable.
Rubbish, what rubbish? It's all part of who I am really.
But then I close my eyes and try and pray in the Lords name.
Under all this mess and stress that distracts my heart.
God seems so far and distant from me these recent days.
Should I maybe just drop the clutter and pick up the Bible?

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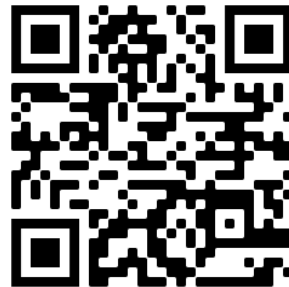
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